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**MESSAGE:**

Dear Examiner Yoon,


Attached is  
Amendment/Response, 3 month EOT and Declaration under 37 C.R.F. §1.132 with one exhibit for Application  
number 09/786,985  
Filed May 21, 2001  
Confirmation number 8711  
Atty. Docket number: 025219-317  
Title: "Material with Improved Resistance to Thermal Ageing and its Method of Production:

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,  
Mary B. GrantI HEREBY CERTIFY that this correspondence is being transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent  
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Patent  
Attorney Docket No. 025219-317

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

Patrick Hourqueble et al.

Application No.: 09/786,985

Filing Date: May 21, 2001

Title: Material With Improved Resistance to Thermal Ageing and its Method of Production

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## AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

☒ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.☐ Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.☒ Also enclosed is/are a Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 and Exhibit 1.☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.☐ Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$375.00 (2801) ☐ \$750.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).☐ Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.☐ Applicant(s) previously submittedon \_\_\_\_\_  
for which continued examination is requested.☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_\_\_\_, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

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- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below.

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	17	MINUS 30 =	0	x \$18.00 (1202) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	3	MINUS 3 =	0	x \$84.00 (1201) =	\$ 0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (1203)					
Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$ 0.00

- ☐ A total fee in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- ☐ Charge \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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In complete response to the Office Action mailed February 7, 2003,  
Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following amendments and  
remarks.